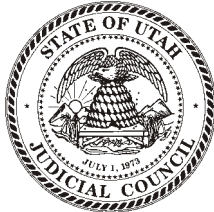


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UTAH STATE COURTS SEEKS INPUT ON CHANGES TO RECORDS ACCESS

Salt Lake City, Utah—The Utah State Courts is seeking input on recommended changes in public access to court records. In Jan. 2003, the Judicial Council appointed a Committee on Privacy and Public Court Records to reexamine court policies on open and closed court records.

For the past two years, the committee has examined issues regarding balancing the public's right to know with a citizen's right to privacy. The result is a 69-page report, which is available on the courts' Web site at www.utcourts.gov/Privacy_Public_Records/ under Final Report. A link for comments is included on the site. The deadline for comments is Feb. 1, 2005.

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